

### **REMARKS**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2003, in which claims 8-12 and 30 were allowed, and claims 23-29 and 31 were rejected. Claims 13-22 and 32-37 were previously withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. With this Response, rejected claims 23-29 and 31 and previously withdrawn claims 13-22 and 32-37 are cancelled from the application. Claims 8-12 and 30 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 8-12 and 30 were allowed over the art of record.

#### **Cancellation of Rejected Claims**

Claims 23-29 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Roth (U.S. Patent No. 6,079,881) in view of Takahashi et al. (EP 0788002 A1). To expedite the allowance and issuance of allowed claims 8-12 and 30, the rejected claims have been cancelled from the application.

#### **Cancellation of Withdrawn Claims**

Claims 13-22 and 32-37 were previously withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. To place the application in condition for allowance, claims 13-22 and 32-37 have been cancelled from the application, and will be pursued by the Applicant in a later-filed Continuation Application.

### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all claims of the application are now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this response.

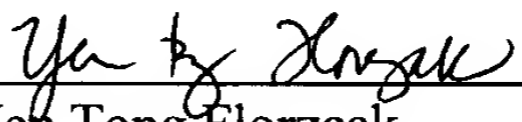
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